Instructions for using Intellectual Disabilities *Accommodations Request Form*

What is it?

Candidates whose **highest VIQ, PIQ, or FSIQ** score that is **below 80** will be asked to complete the Intellectual Disabilities *Accommodations Request Form*, NOT the LCD request form. The new Intellectual Disabilities request form, and Documentation Guidelines for Evaluators, are posted on the GEDTS website: www.gedtestingservice.com/accommodations

Who is it for?

The Intellectual Disabilities accommodations request form is designed for candidates whose highest IQ score is below 80. In the past, candidates with this cognitive profile have often been denied accommodations, because their test scores did not "fit" the learning disabilities model. We will now have a separate accommodations track for candidates with lower cognitive abilities. This should enable more candidates with this profile to be approved for accommodations.

What's *different* about these forms vs. the LCD request forms?

   1. Measurement of intelligence: We will continue to expect candidates with intellectual disabilities to have had a comprehensive assessment of intelligence, like the WAIS-IV. However, for this population, we will not be using the IQ scores to determine eligibility for accommodations.

   2. Achievement tests: We will be requiring **timed as well as untimed achievement tests**. This is critical, because accommodations decisions will be based (at least in part) on the discrepancy between timed and untimed achievement tests, NOT on the discrepancy between IQ and achievement tests.

How to process accommodations requests that you receive that use the new I.D. form:

Send all accommodations requests using the Intellectual Disabilities form to GEDTS for review. Please be sure the forms are filled out completely before faxing them to us for review. These accommodations request forms and supporting documentation should be faxed to GEDTS at: 202-464-4894.